

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff.

V.

MALIYAH MANAE BENNETT,

Defendant.

NO: 2:24-CR-0152-TOR-4

ORDER GRANTING UNITED  
STATES' MOTION FOR  
PROTECTIVE ORDER

BEFORE THE COURT is the United States' Unopposed Motion for

Protective Order (ECF No. 75). The matter was submitted for consideration

without oral argument. The Court has reviewed the motion and the file therein and

is fully informed. For good cause shown, the motion is granted.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

is GRANTED.

2. The United States is authorized to disclose the discovery including

sensitive information and materials (hereinafter “Discovery”) in its possession

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1 pursuant to the discovery obligations imposed by this Court.

2       3. Government personnel and counsel for Maliyah Manae Bennett  
3 (“Defendant”), shall not provide, or make available, the sensitive information in  
4 the Discovery to any person except as specified in the Order or by approval from  
5 this Court. Counsel for Defendant and the Government shall restrict access to the  
6 Discovery, and shall only disclose the sensitive information in the Discovery to  
7 their client, office staff, investigators, independent paralegals, necessary third-party  
8 vendors, consultants, and/or anticipated fact or expert witnesses to the extent that  
9 defense counsel believes is necessary to assist in the defense of their client in this  
10 matter or that the Government believes is necessary in the investigation and  
11 prosecution of this matter.

12       4. Third parties contracted by the United States or counsel for Defendant to  
13 provide expert analysis or testimony may possess and inspect the sensitive  
14 information in the Discovery, but only as necessary to perform their case-related  
15 duties or responsibilities in this matter. At all times, third parties shall be subject to  
16 the terms of the Order.

17       5. Discovery in this matter will be available to defense counsel via access to  
18 a case file on USA File Exchange. Counsel for Defense may download Discovery  
19 from USA File Exchange and shall exercise reasonable care in ensuring the  
20 security and confidentiality of the Discovery by electronically storing the

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1 Discovery on a password-protected or encrypted storage medium, including a  
2 password-protected computer, or device. If Discovery is printed, Counsel must also  
3 exercise reasonable care in ensuring the security and confidentiality of the  
4 Discovery by storing copies in a secure place, such as a locked office, or otherwise  
5 secure facility where visitors are not left unescorted

6       6. All counsel of record in this matter, including counsel for the United  
7 States, shall ensure that any party, including the Defendant, that obtains access to  
8 the Discovery is advised of this Order and that all information must be held in  
9 strict confidence and that the recipient may not further disclose or disseminate the  
10 information. Any other party that obtains access to, or possession of, the Discovery  
11 containing discovery information once the other party no longer requires access to  
12 or possession of such Discovery shall promptly destroy or return the Discovery  
13 once access to Discovery is no longer necessary. No other party that obtains access  
14 to or possession of the Discovery containing sensitive information shall retain such  
15 access to or possession of the Discovery containing sensitive information unless  
16 authorized by this Order, nor further disseminate such Discovery expect as  
17 authorized by this Order or the further Order of this court. For purposes of this  
18 Order, “other party” is any person other than appointed counsel for the United  
19 States or counsel for Defendant.

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1       7. All counsel of record, including counsel for the United States, shall keep a  
2 list of the identity of each person to whom the Discovery containing sensitive  
3 information is disclosed. Neither counsel for Defendant nor counsel for the United  
4 States shall be required to disclose this list of persons unless ordered to do so by  
5 the Court.

6       8. Upon entry of a final order of the Court in this matter and conclusion of  
7 any direct appeals, government personnel and counsel for Defendant shall retrieve  
8 and destroy all copies of the Discovery containing sensitive information, except  
9 that counsel and government personnel may maintain copies in their closed files  
10 following their customary procedures.

11       9. Government personnel and counsel for Defendant shall promptly report to  
12 the Court any known violations of this Order.

13       The District Court Executive is hereby directed to enter this Order and  
14 provide copies to counsel.

15       **DATED** July 24, 2025.



16       A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas O. Rice".  
17       THOMAS O. RICE  
18       United States District Judge  
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